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FOR SCICOUNS

1. POUCHING LETTER FROM US WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN LEISE TO SOVIET COUNTERPART SHENDERREY EXPRESSING HOPE FOR EARLY RECEIPT OF SOVIET PROPOSALS TO ENABLE REVIEW WELL IN ADVANCE OF JUNE MEETING. IF SOVIET PROPOSALS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SENT, PLEASE INFORM SHENDERREY THAT WE HOPE TO RECEIVE THEM IN TIME FOR TRANSLATION AND PRESENTATION TO US GROUP MEETING MAY 7, THAT WE CONSIDER ABOUT 30 DAYS PERIOD MINIMUM TIME NECESSARY FOR ADEQUATE REVIEW BEFORE JOINT MEETING, AND THAT IF SOVIET MATERIALS NOT RECEIVED IN TIME, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO POSTPONE JOINT MEETING. POSTPONEMENT WILL OF COURSE ALSO INVOLVE COMPLICATIONS IN RESCHEDULING BECAUSE OF PRIOR COMMITMENTS OF US PARTICIPANTS.

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2. LETTER ALSO INQUIRES ABOUT SOVDEL WISHES CONCERNING VISITS TO US FACILITIES. HUMPHREY HAD PREVIOUSLY GOTTEN IMPRESSION THAT SHENDEREY MIGHT POSSIBLY ALSO HAVE IN MIND

COMMERCIAL CONTACTS (AS DISTINCT FROM VISITS TO INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AS PART OF WORKING GROUP PROGRAM). IF SHENDEREY SHOULD INDICATE SUCH INTENTION, PLEASE EXPLAIN THAT SOVIET SIDE SHOULD FIRST BE IN TOUCH WITH COMPANY THEY WISH TO VISIT, TO EXPLORE WHETHER AND WHEN THAT COMPANY WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEE THEM. IF COMPANY WILLING, WE WOULD THEN TRY TO FIT VISIT INTO ITINERARY AS NON-WORKING GROUP ACTIVITY, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE WORKING GROUP PROGRAM MUST TAKE PRECEDENCE AS PRIMARY PURPOSE OF SOVDEL VISIT. KISSINGER

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